

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board members: Kay McManus, Cindy Pappas, Shane Howrigan, Patricia Murphy

Absent: Board members: Millie McGinnes, John Spier, Rosemary Tobin.

Also present were Zoe Estrin-Grele from the Block Island Times; and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Cindy Pappas at 5:45 p.m.

Public Input/Correspondence

Shane Howrigan reported that she had been checking with Town Grant person, Heidi Tarbox about grants. Heidi Tarbox said that the Roosa Foundation is a possibility for solar energy. The Board will have a preliminary conversation with architect Karpowicz about solar. CDBG grant was also a possibility for next year for wells and septic systems.

Chair Cindy Pappas will attend the Town Council meeting with Senator Sosnowski and Representative Filippi to discuss the 140% median income requirement.

Approval of minutes, January 21, 2015

Patricia Murphy moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections of January 21, 2015, seconded by Kay McManus.

Ayes 4(McManus, Pappas, Howrigan, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 3(McGinnes, Spier, Tobin)

Discussion and action of Financial Reports – tax collection update

There was a bill from architect Frank Karpowicz (attached) for design phase documents which had been paid for \$714.00. Patricia Murphy moved to ratify the payment of this bill, seconded by Kay McManus.

Ayes 4(McManus, Pappas, Howrigan, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 3(McGinnes, Spier, Tobin)

Patricia Murphy moved to accept the financial reports (attached), seconded by Kay McManus.

Ayes 4(McManus, Pappas, Howrigan, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 3(McGinnes, Spier, Tobin)

Clerk reported \$73,089.60 in collections.

Brown Smith discussion and action on:

Site Plan, design issues and pre-app and RFP for engineering.

Kay McManus reported that all went well and was approved at Pre-app. Kay brought Cindy Pappas up to date on design issues. Architect Karpowicz is working on design issues. The RFP for engineering was discussed. This will be addressed at a special meeting when John Spier can attend. There are two versions of the RFP. One is prepared by John Spier and then Town Engineer Geremia took John's version and developed his own. The meeting will be held on either March 4 or March 11.

Response from Bill Landry, Housing Board Attorney

Mr. Landry had been contacted regarding violations in existing housing developments. Mr. Landry reported that the Housing Board had no jurisdiction for developments they were not involved in. He did say that because the particular development cited was the result of a special use permit, that the zoning official did have jurisdiction. He also said that RI Housing stipulations are enforceable if they pertain to this development.

With no further business at 6:45 Patricia Murphy moved to adjourn seconded by Kay McManus and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan